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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 2, 2000 (Paper No. 10), the period for response having been extended previously to July 3, 2000 by payment of the requisite fee for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) in the Amendment filed on June 20, 2000, and further to the Amendment filed on June 20, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 129-152 as follows:

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- 129. A method to control closing times in an electronic auction, comprising the steps of:
- (a) offering a first and a second lot, defined at least in part by a buyer, to a plurality of potential sellers, said first and second lots having at least one product;
 - (b) defining a closing time for said first lot before which bids for said first lot are to be submitted by potential sellers;
 - (c) defining a closing time for said second lot before which bids for said second lot must be submitted by a potential seller, said closing time for said second lot being later than said closing time for said first lot by a first time interval;
 - (d) receiving bids from potential sellers for said first lot;
 - (e) extending said closing time of said first lot by an incremental amount of time upon the occurrence of a predetermined lot extension criterion relating to said received bids; and
 - (f) extending said closing time of said second lot if said extended closing time of said
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